(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to arrest access of touts who sell spurious drugs in Government hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As per a complaint given by attendant of one of the patients, a man was caught selling drugs in C-2 Ward of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on 27.1.2001 and he was handed over to the Police for interrogation. On investigation, the Police found that the patient's attendant had asked a shopkeeper to supply a medicine by name "Varicomycin" and the shopkeeper supplied "Vancocef CP" which is a substitute. No spurious drug was supplied as alleged by the patient's attendant. Thereafter the complaint was withdrawn by the complainant.

(c) All indoor patients in Central Government hospitals are supplied medicines free of cost. As such, there is no need to buy drugs from outside. In respect of AIIMS, consultants have been instructed to refrain from giving prescriptions to patients or allowing drug vendors to come to the hospital for selling drugs and surgical sundries. All Central Government Hospitals have security arrangements round-the-clock. Security Guards of the hospitals have been instructed to prevent entry of unauthorised persons at the entry points of the hospitals.

Pollution by jute industry

*45. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international Seminar on 'Jute and Allied Fibres: Changing Scenario' was organised by National Institute of Research on Jute and Allied Fibres Technology, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Kolkata, sponsored by Government of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that papers highlighting the aspects of Environmental pollution in jute industry and retting an extraction of jute problems and prospects were presented in the Seminar;

(c) if so, whether Government have studied these papers and taken appropriate action to penalise polluting jute industries, with a view to stop damage to the environment; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The papers presented in the Seminar pertained to jute processes and technologies including environmental pollution problems. Most of the jute mills are located in West Bengal. According to the West Bengal State Pollution Control Board, the operating jute mills are complying with the prescribed environmental standards.

Railway projects in Rajasthan and Orissa

*46. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress achieved regarding completion of on-going Railway projects/surveys in Rajasthan and Orissa, as on date, project-wise, State-wise;

(b) the funds earmarked and expenditure incurred thereon till date, project-wise, in each State; and

(c) by when the on-going projects/surveys are likely to be completed in these States and whether with or without cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Progress of ongoing Railway projects on Western, Northern and South Eastern Railways covering the States of Rajasthan and Orissa, including their anticipated cost, expenditure incured till March, 2000 and the outlay for 2000-01 are given in the Statement I. (*See* below)

Target date of completion of these projects, wherever fixed, are indicated in the column giving the status of each project. Details regarding costs of projects are finalised only after the projects are completed.